

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment makes reference to the parent application and cancels those claims that are being prosecuted in the parent. Entry of the above amendatory matter and early examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 were originally presented in the parent of this divisional application. The present preliminary amendment cancels claims 1-7 and adds new claims 8-14. New claims 8-14 are presented to continue prosecution of claims withdrawn from prosecution in the parent. These claims pertain to nonelected Group II, which corresponds to claims 12-18 in the parent application. (See Final Office Action issued in the parent application on January 2, 2001.) The features defined by these claims are fully disclosed in the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new matter is presented.

The filing fee for this continuation application has been calculated for the claims remaining after the Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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